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In re Patent Application of Hunt et al.

Group Art Unit:

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Title: METHOD FOR BONDING  
A SPUTTER TARGET TO A  
BACKING PLATE AND THE  
ASSEMBLY THEREOF

Examiner:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows: